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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS

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1. ANTARCTIC AFFAIRS OFFICER MET WITH POLISH EMBASSY MINISTER JEDYNAK AND COUNSELOR RABS ON JULY 13. AS WE EXPECTED, PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO INFORM US OF POLAND'S GROWING CONCERN OVER THE DELAY IN RECOGNITION BY ANTARCTIC TREATY MEMBERS OF POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS. JEDYNAK OUTLINED HISTORY OF POLISH ACTIVITIES IN ANTARCTICA, REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW THAT IT HAS FULFILLED CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING ACCESSION TO CONSULTATIVE STATUS, AND ARGUED THAT POLAND HAS SHOWN "EXTRAORDINARY RESTRAINT" IN NOT PUSHING HARD FOR FASTER ACTION. HE ADDED THAT PRESSURE FROM POLISH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IS MOUNTING. IF CLAIM IS NOT RECOGNIZED AT AD HOC CONSULTATIVE, JEDYNAK BELIEVES ONLY APPROACH LEFT WILL BE TO INFORM TREATY MEMBERS THAT POLAND WILL ATTEND NINTH CON-

SULTATIVE REGARDLESS. IF SOME MEMBERS THEN FIND THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, THAT WILL JUST "BE TOO BAD."

2. WE RESPONDED TO JEDYNAK'S PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REFTEL (A). HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH U.S. POSITION AND SAID HE WAS SURE POLAND WOULD SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL, FLEXIBLE PROCEDURES TO DEAL WITH FUTURE, I.E. POST-POLAND, ADMISSIONS TO CONSULTATIVE STATUS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD SUPPORT ANY INITIATIVE HEAP MIGHT TAKE TO SPLIT RECOGNITION OF POLISH ACCESSION FROM PROCEDURAL ISSUE IF THE LATTER BECOMES HOPELESSLY DEADLOCKED AT AD HOC CONSULTATIVE. THIS MIGHT, IN JEDYNAK'S VIEW, BE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE ISSUE PRIOR TO NINTH CONSULTATIVE. JEDYNAK PLANS TO RAISE HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERNS WITH OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF TREATY GOVERNMENTS IN LONDON PRIOR TO AD HOC CONSULTATIVE.

3.(JEDYNAK IS ARTICULATE, INCISIVE AND SEEMINGLY RATHER YOUNG FOR SUCH A SENIOR POSITION IN LONDON. HE HAS GOOD GRASP OF ANTARCTIC TREATY ISSUES AND IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF U.S. DEL TO AD HOC CONSULTATIVE TO MEET WITH HIM FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS DURING WEEK OF JULY 25.

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